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Brexit guide for travellers



LET'S CROSS BREXIT TOGETHER!



From 1 January 2021 the United Kingdom will have left the European Union and become a non-EU country. This booklet sets out procedures and advice for trouble-free travel.

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DUTY-FREE ALLOWANCES



When travelling to France from the UK you can carry goods that you have bought, or that have been given to you, in your personal luggage without having to declare them or pay duty or tax on them. The duty-free allowances for these goods are as follows:

By value:



By ship



By plane

430 €



By car



By train

300 €



Children under 15

150 €

By volume*:



200 cigarettes
or 100 cigarillos
or 50 cigars
or 250 g of
smoking tobacco



Alcoholic beverages :
1l if over 22° ABV
or 2l if up to 22° ABV
4l of wine
16l of beer

If the value of the products contained in your personal baggage exceeds € 1,200:

- you can justify the «United Kingdom» origin of your products by presenting a certificate (see [trade and cooperation agreement](#)): no tax is due
- you cannot justify the «United Kingdom» origin: your products will be taxed at the applicable rate.

*These allowances are not available to travellers under the age of 17

DECLARATION REQUIREMENTS



If you are carrying €10,000 or more (in cash or cash equivalents, whatever the currency) when leaving or returning to France, you must declare it online with **DALIA** before crossing the border.

DALIA, how it works ?

Visit the <https://douane.gouv.fr/dalia> website or scan this QR Code:



1. Once on **DALIA**, click on the "**Déposer une nouvelle déclaration**" button.
2. **Create a Dalia account** or log in through FranceConnect, Google or Facebook. You will then be able to:
 - See your declaration history
 - Change or delete declarations before crossing the border
 - Declare faster online for future journeys
3. **Alternatively** you can make a declaration **without creating an account**.
4. **Complete and validate** your declaration online before crossing the border.
5. **Print or download** your declaration: in the event of a Customs check, you must produce your declaration in paper form or on screen (smartphone, tablet, laptop, etc.).



Want to save time? Think ahead! Make your declaration up to 30 days before your departure date.

TRAVELLING WITH YOUR PET FROM FRANCE TO UK



For domestic carnivores (dog*, cat or ferret)

You must declare it when booking your train or ferry ticket, stating:

- the type of pet: dog, cat or ferret
- the number of animals (maximum 5 per person, except proof of registration for a sporting or cultural event)
- the microchip number
- the date of rabies vaccination

When boarding, you must **show** your dog, cat or ferret to ferry company or Eurotunnel officials for:

- scan the microchip
- verify the passport of the sanitarian certificate issued by the British
- identify your vehicle by a marking (sticker or hanger...).

When you arrive in France, go to Customs for a **check**.

For all other domestic animals (birds, rabbits, etc.) up to five per person

You must show Customs the necessary **health certificates**.

For further information, please consult [the customs website](#) or scan this QR code :



*Category 1 attack dogs cannot be brought into France

TAKING PERISHABLE FOOD FROM THE UK TO FRANCE



Products of animal or vegetable origins are controlled at the entry of the EU.

Animal products: The importation of meat, meat products, milk and milk products is prohibited (other than powdered infant milk, or special pet foods required for health reasons).

On the other hand, other products of animal origin (fishery products, honey, snails, powdered milk and infant foods, foodstuffs required for medical reasons, etc.) are **allowed in your personal luggage** when they are intended for your **personal consumption** and **do not exceed the thresholds** set by European regulations.

Plant products, because of their threat to biodiversity, are subject to mandatory inspection upon arrival in France.

Only importation of **bananas, durians, coconuts, pineapples and dates** is authorised without plant health certificates. The importation of some plants is **prohibited entirely**.

You must show Customs a **phytosanitary certificate** issued by the United Kingdom, whatever the volume contained in your luggage.



You must declare these goods and show them to Customs. In the event of non-compliance, they will be seized and destroyed.

For more information, you can scan this QR code :



VAT REFUNDS FOR PURCHASES IN FRANCE



If you live outside the European Union, are over 16 and have been in France for under 6 months, you can get a VAT refund on goods bought during your stay in France*.

Eligibility for a VAT refund

- you must have made your purchases from a retailer **offering tax-free shopping**
- your purchases must be for **your own use**
- your purchases must be made on the same day in the same shop or group of shops and total over **€100** including VAT
- you must take these goods back to your country of habitual residence **yourself**

How to claim a VAT refund?

- **when making the purchases in France:** you must provide proof that you are not resident in France, and the retailer will then give you an export sales form
- **when leaving France:** you must validate your form directly using a PABLO barcode reader (located near the Customs desk at your point of departure)

When should the export sales form be validated?

- by the last day of the third month after the month of purchase
- when leaving the EU from France
- before checking in your luggage if you are leaving by air



If there is no PABLO barcode reader, go to the Customs desk at your point of departure

*Northern Ireland remains subject to Community VAT regulations, so travelers residing there cannot claim tax refund.

How the PABLO barcode reader works

1. Choose your language



2. Scan the barcode of your sales export form by placing it under the optical scanner



3. Follow the instructions on the screen

→ **green screen**,  your form has been validated and the procedure is finished

→ **red screen**,  follow the instructions on the screen

Once your form has been validated you can obtain your refund directly from a currency exchange counter before leaving, if your point of departure has one, or by bank transfer, depending on what you chose when you made your purchase.

USEFUL TIPS



Notes

Recognising counterfeits

Counterfeits are prohibited in France. In order to avoid them:

- Use official sales outlets
- Consider the product's overall quality
- Beware of low prices
- Look at the label and the placing of logos
- Check the quality of the packaging

Medicinal products

These are authorised in personal luggage without a prescription for 3 months' supply for your own use, and with a prescription for more than 3 months' supply.

BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE UK

Free movement card

Apply for a free circulation card, a **passport for your personal belongings**, at your nearest customs office.

Entry/residence

For matters relating to:

- Visas and identity documents (national identity cards, passports)
- Authorisations to leave France (ASTs) for children under the age of 18 living in France and travelling abroad unaccompanied or with only one parent

Consult the website [servicepublic.fr](https://www.servicepublic.fr) or the website of the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr) to know the rules applying to travellers from France.

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